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31 July 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Annual Report of Activities of Shipbuilding  
Subcommittee and China Seapower Working Group,  
Fiscal Year 1974

1. Review of the Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's  
Field of Competence.

Neither the Shipbuilding Subcommittee nor the China Seapower Working Group have formal responsibilities for review of the intelligence product of the member agencies. Activities are instead focused on presentations at the monthly meetings and review of substantive papers.

2. Substantive papers reviewed by the Shipbuilding Subcommittee  
included [redacted]

[redacted] The China Seapower Working  
Group reviewed no papers.

3. Projects Undertaken at the Request of EIC or Proposed to the  
EIC.

None

4. Intelligence Research Techniques.

No activity undertaken.

5. Special Coordination Function of the Subcommittee.

[redacted]

The China Seapower Working Group had no formal coordination functions although the members of the executive committee met periodically to assign class names to Chinese naval units. This group sought but were denied official sanction to research and publish an interagency study on Chinese cruise missiles.

DIA review(s) completed.

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6. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee.

The Shipbuilding Subcommittee of the EIC, as presently constituted, appears to have outlived its usefulness as an inter-agency forum to discuss problems related to Soviet shipbuilding. The subcommittee provides a restricted forum for discussion by a few analysts and photo interpreters of specific issues, thereby avoiding topics which conceivably fall in the purview of other committees. There is a need to broaden the charter of such a committee to discuss other naval matters such as operations, strategy, weapons development, and tactics. At present with the splintering of the Soviet naval problem between the EIC, SIC, GMAIC and JAEIC there is no central forum for discussion other than the annual

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[REDACTED] The EIC Shipbuilding Subcommittee has not been a suitable forum to bring together all the parts of the puzzle and the naval subcommittees of the other USIB committees appear to suffer similar shortcomings.

The China Seapower Working Group, on the other hand, discusses a broad spectrum of China's shipbuilding, marine transportation, and naval activities, and recently expanded to include comparable discussions on North Korea. Discussions on naval activity include operations, capabilities, weapon systems, including missiles, weapon research and development, and oceanography. The chairman of the CSWG reports that he and the working group representatives are pleased with the present structure of the organization. Perhaps, the Shipbuilding Subcommittee could reorganize along the lines of this working group.

The Chairman and Executive Secretary of the Shipbuilding Subcommittee, with the aid of the Agency Members, are presently reviewing the charter, and will submit shortly a proposal for a reorientation of the Shipbuilding Subcommittee.



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Chairman, Subcommittee  
on Shipbuilding

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Executive Secretary  
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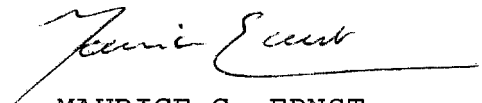
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6 August 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Member, Economic Intelligence Committee  
SUBJECT : Appointment of New Executive Secretary,  
EIC Subcommittee on Shipbuilding

Effective immediately, [ ] Central  
Intelligence Agency, has been appointed Executive Secretary,  
EIC Subcommittee on Shipbuilding, vice [ ]  
Central Intelligence Agency, reassigned.

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MAURICE C. ERNST  
Chairman

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